

***Bartramia longicauda* (Upland Sandpiper)**

Priority 1 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

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Order: Charadriiformes (Plovers, Sandpipers, And Allies)

Family: Scolopacidae (Curlews, Dowitchers, Godwits, Knots, Phalaropes, Sandpipers, Snipe, Yellowlegs, And Woodcock)

General comments:

About 200 pairs statewide, several threats, declining and listed elsewhere

Species Conservation Range Maps for Upland Sandpiper:

Town Map: [Bartramia longicauda_Towns.pdf](#)

Subwatershed Map: [Bartramia longicauda_HUC12.pdf](#)

SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:

Risk of Extirpation:

Maine Status: Threatened

State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern: NA

Recent Significant Declines: NA

Regional Endemic: NA

High Regional Conservation Priority:

United States Shorebird Conservation Plan:

Species of High Concern

North Atlantic Regional Shorebird Plan:

Species of High Concern

United States Birds of Conservation Concern:

Bird of Conservation Concern in Bird Conservation Regions 14 and/or 30: Yes

High Climate Change Vulnerability: NA

Understudied rare taxa: NA

Historical: NA

Culturally Significant: NA

Habitats Assigned to Upland Sandpiper:

Formation Name		Agricultural
Macrogroup Name		Agricultural
Habitat System Name:		Cultivated Crops Notes: Blueberry Barrens
Habitat System Name:		Pasture-Hay Notes: occasionally - typically low fertility sites
Formation Name		Developed
Macrogroup Name		Maintained Grasses and Mixed Cover
Habitat System Name:		Urban & Recreational Grasses Notes: Airfields
Formation Name		Grassland & Shrubland
Macrogroup Name		Ruderal Shrubland & Grassland
Habitat System Name:		Ruderal Upland - Old Field Notes: low fertility
Formation Name		Peatland
Macrogroup Name		Northern Peatland & Fens
Habitat System Name:		Northern Peatland Macrogroup - Unknown Habitat System Notes: Rarely

Stressors Assigned to Upland Sandpiper:

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Stressor Priority Level based on Severity and Actionability		Moderate Severity	High Severity
	Highly Actionable	Medium-High	High
	Moderately Actionable	Medium	Medium-High
	Actionable with Difficulty	Low	Low

IUCN Level 1 Threat

Other Options

IUCN Level 2 Threat: Lack of knowledge

Severity: Moderate Severity

Actionability: Highly actionable

Notes: Need to investigate best management practices for UPSA given modern approaches to airfield and blueberry management.

IUCN Level 1 Threat

Agriculture and Aquaculture

IUCN Level 2 Threat: Annual and Perennial Non-timber crops

Severity: Moderate Severity

Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Species status unclear relative to intensive Blueberry mgmt practices such as creation of windbreaks.

IUCN Level 1 Threat

Residential and Commercial Development

IUCN Level 2 Threat: Commercial and Industrial Areas

Severity: Moderate Severity

Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Airfield mowing practices

Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Upland Sandpiper:

**Only species specific conservation actions that address high (red) or medium-high (orange) priority stressors are summarized here.*

Conservation Action

Category: Survey and Monitoring

Biological Priority: critical

Type: new

Support state and regional efforts to survey/inventory populations of Upland Sandpiper leading to an estimate of population trend

Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

Lack of knowledge

Conservation Actions Associated with the Grassland Guild:

Conservation Action

Category: Public Outreach

Biological Priority: high

Type: new

Develop a program to inform small landowners of the best methods for keeping fields open for grassland wildlife

Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

Livestock Farming and Ranching

Conservation Action

Category: Species Management

Biological Priority: high

Type: new

Develop a BMP guide for farmers to minimize negative effects of cutting hay/silage during the grassland bird nesting season. NRCS recommendations should be viewed as a start with increased emphasis on timing, field size, and bird behavioral cues.

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Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

Additional relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife

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Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.